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SUBJECT: AIR MAURITANIA F-27 PURCHASE--AIR INTERCONTINENTAL

REF: STATE 246372, NOUAKCHOTT 1188

ACTION REQUESTED: PASS FOLLOWING TO AIR INTERCONTINENTAL:

1. AIR MAURITANIA (AM) PRESIDENT OULD AMAR CONFIRMS DOLLAR 20 THOUSAND DOWN-PAYMENT TRANSFERRED 11 DECEMBER VIA PARIS TO BANKER'S TRUST FOR FNCB NEW YORK. OULD AMAR RECONFIRMED ABOVE WITH GOCAG BANK DECEMBER 15, BUT WILL RECHECK TODAY. FYI: TRANSFERS FROMIWEST AFRICA TO US, IN OUR EXPERIENCE, SELDOM EFFECTED IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS DUE NECESSITY PASS ALL PAPERS THROUGH PARIS BANKS. END FYI.

2. RE AM DIRGEN OULD ZEIN TRAVEL TO US:IOULDIAMAR RECONFIRMS PLAN VISIT CALIFORNIA AND WASHINGTON BEGINNING FIRSO WEEK JANUARY. WILL GIVE EXACT DATES BEFORE END DECEMBER.

3. IN OUR OPINION, THERE NO REASON FOR AIR INTERCONTINENTAL ANXIETY. WE CONTINUE FOLLOW AIRCRAFT DEAL CLOSEGY AND ARE IN DAILY CONTACT WITH OULD AMAR AND OTHER AM-CIVIL AIR OFFICIALS HERE. SHOULD DIFFICULTIES ARISE, WE WILL INXORM AIR INTERCONTINENTAL AND WORK TO IRON OUT SOLUTIONS FROM THIS END. SHURTLEFF

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